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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, SG

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

REF: AMBASSADOR AGGREY/AF/W TELECON , SEP 21

1. AS OUTLINED IN REF TELECON, FRIENDS OF LEOPOLD SENGHOR FOUNDATION (GEORGE WEAVER) HAS EXPRESSED TO COUNTRY OFFICER CONCERN OVER DELAY BY GOS IN PROVIDING AIR TRANSPORTATION TICKETS FOR PRESIDENT OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND TWO OTHER SENIOR HOWARD UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS TO TRAVEL TO DAKAR AT GOS INVITATION FOR PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES. WEAVER HAS ASKED AF/W ON "BACK-UP BASIS" TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING FOR STAG FUNDS FOR THESE AMERICAN PROFESSORS IF GOS FAILS TO COME THROUGH WITH THE AIRLINE TICKETS. WEAVER TELLS US THAT SEVERAL APPROACHES HAVE BEEN MADE TO AMBASSADOR COULBARY ASKING WHEN TICKETS WILL BE PROVIDED, AND HOWARD UNIVERSITY INVITEES BECOMING INCREASINGLY NERVOUS OVER LACK ACTION AT THIS LATE DATE.

2. INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED BY MINISTER OF CULTURE

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SENE ON BEHALF OF GOS. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DISCREETLY

APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOS AUTHORITIES TO INQUIRE INTO
STATUS OF PROVISION OF TICKETS. KISSINGER

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